

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**Council Chambers**  
**April 20, 2021**

Council Attendance: Mayor Derek Underwood, Councilmen: Chad Hawkins, Mike Hawkins, Allen Gallman and Robert Martin.

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer; Ed West, Utility Director; Wesley Palmore, Police Chief and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Mayor Underwood called the meeting to order. He asked Councilman Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from March 16, 2021 regular Council Meeting for approval.

Councilman Mike Hawkins had a correction on the minutes on page four to change from quick claim to quit claim.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes as presented with the correction on page four from March 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Eric Lemoine at 144 Williamswood Drive asked if it would be another blue line in front of his house for the water line for the property that has been sold beside him. Mr. West stated there would be no temporary line. He stated we are getting bids from Contractors to finish this water project in Williamswood.

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Williamswood Water System Improvements Projects:** Mrs. Livingston stated we are waiting on bids to come in from the Contractors.

**Prosperity Business Association:**

Mrs. Livingston stated they talked about Hoppin' run and market. She stated the band would be at Town Center from 6-10pm on May 1<sup>st</sup> and the car cruise in would be on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 11-4pm.

**Vision 2020 Committee:**

Mr. Glenn Hamm stated we have very energetic people in this group and glad to be a part of such a great team.

**CTC Update:**

Mr. Glenn Hamm stated we have extended some sidewalks, paved Main Street and just finished the sidewalk at State Farm. He stated they have pre-approved funding in the amount of twenty thousand dollars to set aside for repair projects for Town of Prosperity Utilities Department.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Laura Williams, Josh Kingsmore and Candice Counts, Aggressive Dog on Colony Drive:**

Mayor Underwood stated this matter has been somewhat resolved at this time. Corporal Jones stated the subject has been cited and will have to come to Court on May 5<sup>th</sup>. He stated it is not a safe environment for the neighborhood with this dog running loose.

**Joint Planning Commission Recommendation for Rezone from R-10 to R-7 on McFall Drive:**

Mayor Underwood stated he is not in favor of rezoning this from R-10 to R-7 on McFall Drive and would like to take for information. Discussion followed.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to add to the agenda for a first reading for next month; no second on the motion.

Mayor Underwood stated the motion failed and would be tabled as discussion. Council did not accept recommendation from the County Zoning Board and tabled it.

**Prosperity's Hoppin':**

Mayor Underwood stated May 1st is the Hoppin' run and market in the morning and the band will be at Town Center from 6-10pm. He stated the cruise in would be May 15<sup>th</sup> from 11-4pm on the square.

**Reopening Town Properties Post Covid:**

Council decided to open all Town properties on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:** Councilman Robert Martin stated he has been talking with someone who is buying buildings in Prosperity and renovating.

**Public Safety and Streets:** Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we have a lot of cones around town and would like for us to get some of these projects finished up so we can remove the cones from the roadways.

**Economic Development, Buildings & Properties:** Councilman Mike Hawkins stated he has talked with building owners and encouraged them to check with appraiser or realtor and they may be surprised on how much they can get for their properties. He stated we need to move forward with the parking lot at substation.

**Parks, Recreation & Events:** Councilman Gallman stated recreation is going great and the ballfields have been full. He thanked Mr. West and the utility crew for all their hard work.

**Police Department:** Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He stated the department assisted with the mobile food pantry. He stated they have been helping with traffic at Lovelace. He stated they are planning for Hoppin' May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated we are taking job applications until the end of the month. He stated court would be starting back on May 5<sup>th</sup> and we have 318 cases. He stated they will stage people in the Civic Center since it is a big court and to social distance.

**Utility Department:** Mr. West stated they have been doing some pole work in town at Byrd, Wye, McFall and Church Street. He stated the Grace Street pole was hit and thanked Prosperity Police Department, Prosperity Rescue, Glenn Hamm and Craig with Lake Murray Utilities for helping and knowing what to do because we had live wires burning on the ground and a very dangerous situation. He stated McCall Thomas would finish the pole audit by the end of May. He stated we have the fire hydrant at Wheeler Avenue at Grace that is still a priority to replace and the one to relocate at State Farm. He

stated we are trying to better coordinate a time to have the water off since it will affect several of the downtown citizens. He stated they have been doing some ditch work on Elm Street and working with the County. He stated it is great to see the parks full this time of year. He stated they have been behind on limbs and yard debris because the front end had to be rebuilt on the backhoe. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood suggested seeing what direction we can take to buy some equipment.

**Town Attorney:** Mrs. Senn stated the deed and survey have been delivered and the release has been signed on the new stretch of sidewalk.

**Town Administrator:** Mrs. Livingston stated the new banners would be up on May 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated Carolina General is serving breakfast and looking to expand to serving lunch and they are located besides Bowers BP. She stated Barry Heffner is still wanting to use our facility as a private entity now since 4-H has backed out. Discussion followed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Park Maintenance:**

Mayor Underwood stated we can take off the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Underwood stated we have a Contractual matter in Utilities to discuss. (Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session).

**A MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood stated we discussed a contractual matter in Utilities concerning a settlement agreement with Duke Energy.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to accept the settlement agreement and release of claims that Town of Prosperity is going into agreement with Duke Energy; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:31p.m.

**Michelle Bundrick** Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer